

(b) ~~sterilizing said powder by irradiation of said powder with  $\gamma$  rays until said powder is rendered sterile.~~

70. (Once amended) A kit for use in the cultivation of a cell, said kit comprising one or  
containers wherein a first container contains the powder of any one of claims 27-31, [37-43]  
39-43 and 60.

### *Remarks*

No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments to the specification, which have been made to update the priority information shown in the specification. The foregoing amendments to the claims (which were restricted to non-elected group II in the parent application) are fully supported in the application as filed, since they incorporate the process recitations that were recited in the independent claims from which the presently amended claims depended in the application as filed. The amendments to claims 44, 47 and 70 have been made to correct the dependency of these claims upon cancellation of claim 38 herein. Accordingly, the foregoing amendments do not add new matter, and their entry into the present application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 27-37, 39-55 and 60-72 are pending in the application, with claims 27-31, 37, 39-43 and 60 being the independent claims.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for immediate examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of the foregoing amendments, and entry of the same into the present application, are respectfully requested.

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